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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):) Title: Improved Toxicity Screening
James McKim *et al.*) Method
Serial No: 09/586,242) Group Art Unit: to be assigned
Filed: June 2, 2000) Examiner: to be assigned
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a two month extension of time.

Also transmitted herewith is an executed Declaration for filing in the above-identified application, in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts issued by the Patent and Trademark Office on August 23, 2000, along with a check in the amount of \$390.00 for the petition for extension of time, and a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the surcharge.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, on **December 18, 2000**, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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1. **Small Entity Status**

- Verified statement(s) claiming small entity status is(are) attached.
- Small entity status has been established and is still effective.
- Has not been established.

2. **Extension of Time**

- This is a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION (Months) | FEE FOR LARGE ENTITY | | FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------|
| One Month | | \$110.00 | | \$55.00 |
| Two Months | X | \$390.00 | | \$195.00 |
| Three Months | | \$890.00 | | \$445.00 |
| Four Months | | \$1,390.00 | | \$695.00 |
| Five Months | | \$1,890.00 | | \$945.00 |

If an additional Extension of Time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension Fee: \$390.00

- An extension for _____ month(s) has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Deduction: \$

Extension Fee Due With This Request: \$390.00

3. **Method of Payment of Fees**

- Attached is a check in the amount of \$390.00
- Charge Deposit Account No. 13-2855 in the amount of: \$_____
A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

4. **Deposit Account and Refund Authorization**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required during the pendency of this application under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Please refund any overpayment to Marshall, O'Toole, Gerstein, Murray & Borun at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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